Setting up of computerised collection centres for payment of all taxes

1690. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Composite Unified, Computerised Collection Centres for payment of all taxes, bills and charges from citizens on the supplies of Water, Electricity, House Taxes, road taxes Insurance Premia throughout the city on telephones in order to effect easy recoveries; and

(b) if not, whether Government propose to make these arrangements with all the Banks in the city in order to increase its revenue and to help the public?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Examination by the Delhi Administration of a proposal for single-stop payment counter in the banks in MCD/NDMC area, has shown that there are practical difficulties in the way of implementing such a comprehensive scheme.

Gastroenteritis in J & K due to contaminated wheat

1691. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen reports from the NIN Hyderabad which was published in the Nutrition News, January, 1988 regarding J & K gastroenteritis epedemic in September, 1987 to what contaminated with mycotoxins;

(b) when the study was first undertaken by NIN and when the results thereof were sent to Government indicating the follow up action taken to prevent the recurrence of similar tragedies; and

(c) whehter FCI/STC, other warehousing/imports and PDS agencies and other staff have been trained in presentive problems of storage as recommended by the NIN, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A stduy was conducted by National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad to find out the cause of this problem at the request of the Government of J & K which was received on October, 9, 1987. An interim report was submitted in October, 1987 and the final report in December, 1987 indicating that the cause of outbreak was due to consumption of mould damaged wheat products and suggesting control measures.

(c) The National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad, conducts periodic training programmes for food inspectors on procedures to detect food toxins. .

Visit to State Capitals by the Planning Commission

1692. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is visiting various State Capitals for discussion of plan projects; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Reduction in the military strength of USSR, Pakistan etc.

1693. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the USSR and China are reducing their man-power strength in Military and also reducing their expenditure; if so, what are the details thereof;